(ग) किन-किन व्यक्तियों पर केवल जुर्माना किया गया और किन-किन व्यक्तियों को बाद में उच्च न्यायालय अथवा सर्वोच्च न्यायालय में अपील करने पर छोड़ दिया गया ?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० ए० संगमा) : (क) से (ग) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जायगी ।

Indo-Soviet Coorperjition in exploration of gee-thermal energy from Volcanoes

11944. SHRI M. BASAVARJU: Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state-

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article captioned "Hat ing the Volcanoes" published in the Yojna in its May 16th-31st, 1985 issue to the effect that cooperation between Soviet Union and India in the exploration of geo-thermal energy might be quite help-i'or India in the background of close economic cooperation between the two countries and in view of the existence cf volcanic zones in the. North Eastern part of the country;

(b) whether Governmenl propose <o seek cooperation from the Soviet Union in this regard; and

(c) if so, by when the proposal is 1'kely *to* be finalised?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL, MINES AND COAL (SHRI VASANT SATHE): Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There are no volcanoes in the North Eastern part of India. Therefore no concrete proposals for cooperation with the Soviet Union in this regard are under consideration at this stage.

Advertisements m press of foreign goods

1945. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE he pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that there is heavy advertisement of foreign good such as Cannin and Minolta cameras, National Panasonic and Sanyo consumer electronics in the press, though they are not manufactured or are to be sold in India; and

(b) whether Government are aware of the growing demand lor such articles in India leading to smuggling of such ar:i in to India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI). (a). Yes Sir. Such foreign consumer electronic items are advertised in the Press.

(b). Such advertisements are part °t the global strategy of the foreign manufacturers for the promotion of their products and influencing the preferences of consumers, including Indian tourists going abroad.

Public Provident Fund

1946. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) what is the amount of Public Pro vident Fund that stands credited as on ' 31st March, 1985;

(b) what is the gross amount of Public Provident Fund deposits for the financial years ending 31st March, 1983, 31st March,1984 and 31st March, 1985 and the amount withdrawn during these years; and

(c) whether these deposit accounts can be closed after 15 years by the account holders if so, what steps Government propose to take or what incentives Govern- intend to give to discourage with-drawals of these deposit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The balance under the Public Provident Fund

Previous Unstarred Question 1547 transferred from the 8th August, 1985.

on 31st March, 1985 was estimated to be Rs. SI.88 crores-

(b) (*Rs in crores*)

Year	Amount deposited into Public Provident Fund	Amount withdrawn
1982-83 . .	109·29	3·80
1983-84 . .	143·04	15·84
1984-85 . . (RE)	165.00	60.00

fc) Yes, Sir. Public Provident Fund ac-counts are for a period of 15 years. However, an option is available 10 th_e subscriber to continue subscription to ihe fund after 15 years and get th_e tax benefits. Fven if he does not intend lo make further subscription,, he i_s permiflcd to continue the account in which case the balance will ear,, tax free interest till it is withdrawn.

Export of cliemicals'lo persons in India by Sikh manufacturers of USA

1947. SHRi RAMANAND YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention IKS been drawn to report to the effect that a number of Sikhs settled in United States and engaged in the manufacture of Chemi cals are exporting their products to per-in India in a clandestine manner t8 be used for nefarious purposes like the preperation of high power explosives; and

(b) if so, whether Government have ascertained whether the imported chemicals were used for the manufacture of high power explosives by the Sikh terrorists in India.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRi P. A. SANGMA), (a) and (b) Government have no such information.

Non-acceptance of Indian goods by importers

1948. SHRI PARVATHANENI UI*-ENDRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE b_e pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware thai some importers have returned the goods imported by them from India on the ground that either th_e same were not as per specifications|samples or substanderd material had been used in the manu facture thereof;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against such exporters and also laid down any guidelines in the Ser;

(c) what are the details of the defaulting entrepreneurs, action taken against therm ami foreign exchange lost during 1983-84 and 1984-85 as a result thereof;

(d) whether Government have received fresh orders for the same goods and fromi the same countries which returned the goods; and

(e) if so. the details thereof and what steps Government have taken to ensure that the goods exported are as per speci fication;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRf P. A. SANGMA).- (a) and (c) Usually acceptance or refusal of goods is a matter between exporters and importers and snch cases are $know_n$ to the Ministry when the parties approach it with their complaint. As such it would not be possible to furnish the information. No estimate of loss of foreign exchange due to quality complaints is maintained.

(b) Erring exporters are punished under the provision of Hie Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act, 1963 and also under Customs Act. The exporters are also liable for de-reauislration from; the Membership in the respective FPCs) Commodity Boards in case Quality com plaints are established.

(d) and (e) Export orders are not placed with the Government.